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~~Handwritten text~~ / I am a very close friend of Uncle

Bill. I am sure that all of our friends and relatives who were in attendance at the funeral home sincerely hope that in these few pages we can in our weak way, unite with you the beautiful and impressive funeral services which were held for Uncle Bill in the Mesa Fifth Ward Chapel on Jan. 17, 1950, and touch upon the highlights of his most useful and wonderful life.

Silas L. Fish in summary of what he said appears on succeeding pages of the Kimmels told me when he was preparing this obit, Uncle Silas was such a gentle soul so friendly and helpful, and always considerate.

While waiting in the funeral home before the viewing of Uncle Silas, I and all of us made these remarks which I guess I do very much. "I don't know what I ever really enjoyed any more, and I hope that all of his descendants will prosper their lives after him and live like he did." What a wonderful tribute from me and I have now been his wife and companion for nearly seventy years. I and Bill very likely knew Uncle Silas better than any other living person, and so I feel, to family and all, may the peace which our Lord and Saviour brought into this world be with you during the remainder of your stay here on earth, that you may continue to cherish the memory of your dearly beloved husband and father."

Uncle Silas was born September 9, 1867 in P. Rowan, Iowa and was the seventh child of Jesse Nathaniel and Emma Seraphine West Smith. He was 13 years old when his family moved to Arizona and according to available records was the first deacon to be ordained in the Snowflake Ward, on Wilkie Stake.

On Nov. 10, 1886 he was married to Ellen Johanna Larson and to this union was born nine children. He was married to Maria Elizabeth Bushman on Nov. 24, 1888 with ten children being born to them. Of this total of 19 children, 14 grandchildren 29 great grand children of total posterity of 161. The fourteen of his children who survive him include Ethel Knudsen of Joseph City Ariz., Seraphine Frost in Sons L. Smith of Monticello Utah, Mae Wilson of San Diego California, Helen Lyon of Salt Lake City, Lois Helorum of New York City, Anna Luke of Twin Falls Idaho, Elizabeth Stowers of Los Angeles California, Marie Merrill and Daphne Smith of Winter Park Florida, June Foy Stage and Samuel Weston California, Col. Perryfield H. Smith, USAF now stationed at Madrid, Spain, Garland F. Smith of Van Nuys, California.

May our love and blessings go out to all of these members of his family in memory of Uncle Silas D. Smith.

The Editors

This copy was ~~not~~ copied from the original which was fading away.

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Ed. note, this edition is being typed for us by Annette Whiting Farr wife of Merl and dau. in-law of Aunt Nettie Farr. We greatly appreciate her fine efforts, and hope that some one else will come forward next month and volunteer. How about, will it be you?

Thanks  
The Editors.

Mesa Arizona  
March 22, 1956

Dear Kinsman

In loving memory of one we have lost for just a little while; in the fitting words of Edgar A. Guest, "He's not dead, he is just away". All of us will miss his tenderness and affectionate greeting. No one in our lives had a more brotherly interest in the welfare of our large family.

I regret that I was absent from home and could not attend the last rites of one I loved so dearly. To me he was the embodiment of all that is true and noble. The general purpose of the Creator's plan must have been realized in him, as an individual, though he was not rich in worldly possessions still he had sufficient for the needs of his large family. Although he engaged in many types of business pursuits in his younger years he could not be called a great success financially, yet in the great plan of our Father in Heaven he measured up admirably well for he ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> maintained through his long and wonderful life an abiding faith and trust in the plan of life and salvation as laid down by Jesus Christ during his earthly ministry.

We were all deeply touched in our family meeting last August when he arose and said, "Some of us will not be here for another reunion". All of us selfishly hoped that he could be around for at least one more, and as on record, together with Aunt Ellen for their 70th wedding anniversary. May our heavenly Father bless his family and help them live true to their heritage, and help us all to be steadfast in emulating his worthy example.

Nettie S. Farr  
President.

EXCERPTS FROM LIFE BY HARRY W. SMITH

Uncle Silas lived a very useful and busy life. In his younger years he worked in a coal mine in Arizona, then conducted a freight line and mail line between Houderock and Springerville, and engaged in farming and ranching. In 1900 he worked with his brother Jesse N. Jr. in railroad construction near Naco Mexico



The Savior said, "A New commandment I give unto you, that you love one another even as I have loved you."  
Greater love hath no man than this: That a man lay down his life for his friends.

SILAS D. SMITH 11/11 1867 1950.

remarks by Silas L. Fish.

As I stumbled through my bible my eyes fell on this passage:

Let your speech be always with grace....Colossians 4: 6

I wonder how many times Uncle Silas has read that passage and how how long he had practised gracious kind, understanding, and helpful. Certainly no man can be as kind, as unassuming, as understanding, as gracious, as well disciplined as he was without years and years of practise, of striving for a worthwhile goal.

This comes only with sustained and well directed effort --at least to most of us. The seeds of eternal values, of ideals and progress, were planted early in his heart, and how he must have labored to nurture and care for growth and development of those values which adorned his mature life.

Think of it, 83 1/2 years of life, active life, even up to the very hour that the Angel of the Lord called for him. How we would all desire to pass on as he did if we but had the choice. This life is not made complete by piling up selfish desires for our gratification. The more we ponder on the desires of the flesh the further we get from the goal that Uncle Set out to achieve.

This life was not designed to be easy. No individual nor group ever achieved success without heroic effort, and no great effort can be made unless the difficulty to be overcome is a challenge. The only way for us to develop character and the gifts that will make us useful in the Master's hands in helping to bring about his purposes is to do as Silas D. Smith did-- to overcome the difficulties we meet, to focus our efforts on preparing for useful service to learn that values are lasting, that we can gain that we can take with us into the glorious hereafter, and know we can get others to comprehend that.

"Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal.

Dust thou art, to dust returnest was not spoken of the soul."

Longfellow.

Uncle Silas was as sure of life hereafter as he was that he <sup>had</sup> lived here. All the strenuous efforts he put into training his desires, his appetites and his abilities for useful service were not just for self's grandisement not just to get Silas D. Smith through the gate but to enable him to be of service to the master in helping others, especially his family and dear ones on the way to eternal life. He lived for others, not just for self. He could forget self in his desire to help others. He loved his neighbors and that meant everybody.

His well disciplined desires, his speech- always with grace- his gentlemanly behavior, his understanding heart were always considerate of others no matter where he was. he was just as much a true gentleman when he was alone or when he was among strangers, as when he was in the temple in sacred service. His gracious conduct was never pretense, it was a reflection of his heart, of his inmost self.

He had a varied life. He engaged in many activities, but he was always a family man- but not narrowly so. Although intensely devoted to his family yet his heart was big enough to be especially interested in anyone in need, he could put his arms around those who needed a friend and treat them as though they were

his kin. The friendship he gave was not the kind that is thrust upon others. it was the winning attractive kind that is cherished and remembered and ~~cherished~~ ~~with love~~ appreciated with love. He guarded against being obtrusive. What a wonderful combination of gifts! Always ready ~~to~~ and anxious to serve, but ever careful not to force himself into the picture. Although he gave his life to service - to efficient service in many fields - yet his greatest gift to the world is his numerous posterity, to be a blessing to many states and communities. A numerous posterity ~~with~~ taught and trained in the ideals and standards that he cherished and exemplified in his life is a blessing to the race, and particularly to the good neighbors; supporters of everything that is good; not meddling, not hypocritical, not betrayers of confidence; but willing leaders of a helping hand trained in efficient service motivated by an understanding heart and guided by a religious convictions that cleanse the heart of all insecurity and sensuality, and lead people to follow the path marked out by the lowly Nazarene. Such people make a nation great. Such are the salt of the earth.

And when they couple these qualities, as Uncle Silas did, the fundamentals of religion - daily prayer for divine guidance, their self effort strenuously given but in the true Christian spirit of trying to find out what the Father of all wants done and how he wants it done, never compromising with evil, but at the same time always considerate of others feelings, so considerate that they would rather suffer themselves than wound a human beings feelings, then they are walking in the path that the Master trod.

They seek to learn the Master's will, not only through prayer, but through the study of the Master's words, and through study of truth wherever found. And when the choice is between personal desires and satisfactions on the one hand and the Master's directions on the other, what do they do? Silas S. Smith chooses to follow strictly the Master's directions, and he urges all his descendants, and all people to do likewise.

, He was one of God's nobleman.

And now to the descendants of this worthy man: Your heritage is the grandest and noblest. He has gone on, but he has marked the way, he now beckons: "Come follow me so we can be together through the eternities."

You know the price. It is faithfulness and loyalty to the truth, to the ideals he choose to light his pathway. The incentive he has given you ~~is~~ is a stimulus most glorious.

And dear Aunt Ellen, his life's companion for over 69 years, may her heart be warmed and comforted by the power of the Holy Spirit. May she bask in the full light and warmth of the power which can come only from the eternal world, that she may feel assured of the bliss and joy and love that is to be hers with her companion, through her faithfulness. May that assurance continue to be hers as long as she shall remain here.

May our Heavenly Father bless us all with strength to choose his program and follow it to our eternal blessing.

We must not forget to give credit to Aunt Maria, second wife of Uncle Silas. She lived a full life. She lived with her children from the time ~~from the time~~ of the ban of polygamy untill her death on January 9 1953.

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NEWS FROM MRS. SMITH'S FAMILY

The following letter is a reprint of a letter written when father was a legislator

Phoenix Ariz.

February 24 1877

To Hyrum, Caroline and Carlos.

My Dear Children,

I will answer your letters together. I was pleased that Carlos was through the / Second Reader. I have know quite some scholars read in the second reader, it is true they know all the pieces through by heart. Sorry to hear that George was sick. Does Leni know his letters yet? I am very glad that you remember me in your prayers, the people here dont pray. They may be pretty good in their ways, but I don't like their ways. We will put a new roof on the old house or build a new house altogether.

The weather here has been stormy, and it must have been far more up there. I am glad that you will have a little corn to spare; the bad weather will require more feed for the cows. I am glad the barn does not leak even if the house does.

They dont build many barns here, the weather is so fine they do not provide shelter for their animals or their feed. I hope for all is pretty well.

God bless you all.

Jesse N. Smith

Hyrum returned to Salt Lake after a short visit here in the valley doing Temple work and visiting with relatives and friends.

Margery Tenney enjoyed a trip to New York in company with her son Edward Jr., who has been released from his army duties at West Point.

The passing of Uncle Silas L. brings sadness to all of us. His name stands high upon the list of many things worth while to live for. He was a good brother, a kind and loving husband and father, he was a federal and lived his religion, he loved his neighbors and was generous in helping the poor and needy. He visited the sick and gave solace to the downcast, and forgave his enemies. We shall sorely miss the loss of companionship with Aunt Ellen, a kind and gracious lady. May her remaining years be of comfort in the memory of the great heritage which has been left her and her family.

Zion C. Smith

NEWS FROM MRS. JARVIS'S FAMILY.

Pearl J. Farr announces two new grandsons; one was born to Miles W. Berdell Palmer, their 9th child, the other to Earnest and Maxine F. Hunt. Mr. Zech Farris now have 35 grand children

Maud J. Lewis of Holbrook is visiting in the valley of the San this week.

George and Fanny Jarvis have been in Phoenix where George has undergone surgery.

Uncle Will and Aunt Ruth Shumway have been visiting in Phoenix with their daughter Mauretta Walker.

The family were all saddened with the sudden passing of Harriet Jarvis, wife of Jesse. She was visiting in Mesa and had witnessed the marriage of a grand daughter in the Temple only the day before. More news about this next month.

This pretty well does it for this time.... despite a bad back and ulcers.

We will be back to join you next month....so long for now.

The Editors.

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There was very few petty annoyances or hard words every one worked as a team  
Even Ralph's husband, felt he should do his bit and every Saturday he would  
bake cinnamon rolls, cookies donuts or soups etc to bring to the workers who  
could not take time out for lunch. Because of this he was personally invited by  
Pres. Steed to join with the other workers in the final tour of the Temple.  
after the last guest had ~~gone~~ gone through.

It was a beautiful ending to a wonderful experience it has most surely  
strengthened my testimony.

Love  
Beth Smith Stewart (dau. S. and Maria Smith.)

*Handwritten note:*  
Snowflake News.

We have all enjoyed the short visit of Aunt Margaret Jensen. She visited Aunt  
Julia for about a week then spent some time in Shurway with Aunt Ruth

The graveside services for Uncle Elias W. Smith was lovely. There was a large crowd  
assembled and the songs, prayers and short talk by Eugene B. Flake were all very  
fitting for the benediction on such a noble life. Many relatives and friends  
came for this service from the surrounding towns. Afterward the immediate  
family met at the Hendrickson home for lunch before leaving for their homes.  
Uncle Hyrum and Fred Busaman visited for a day before returning to Salt Lake City.

Catherine Becker Bartholomew, dau. of Louis and May Becker, spent a week  
visiting her parents, her home is in Cannonville Utah.

Mr and Mrs Royal Preston and family (dau. Maria and Lenora L. Rogers) of  
Bedford Wyoming, spent ten days visiting family and friends in Mesa and Snowflake  
They returned home March 13.

Jesse M. Smith and family visited the L. A. Temple the latter part of Feb.  
They were accompanied by Marvel's mother, who remained in Calif.

H. W. Hendrickson recently returned from Atlantic City where he attended  
a national convention for school administrators, he was sent by the Priz. chapter  
of which he is the President an office he has held for several years.

Nena Vanice (dau. of Irene and Bruce Flake), recently returned from touring the  
Mexican mission with Pres. Rowman. Nena has been on the mission home the past  
year.

The Elias Becker family proudly announce the birth of 2 new grand sons  
Francis and Connie. Harold Pratt, Connie's husband is now serving as branch President  
in the San Antonio Texas branch.

The young people of the Smith's kin who attended the all state council  
festival in Tampa made quite a record for themselves, they include Larry and Barbara  
(son and dau. of Anna and the late Andrew Smith), Katherine Becker (dau. of Lorenso  
and Anna), Sue Ballard (dau. of John and Thora), Sylvia Snowway (dau. of John and Frances  
Stanley and Frances).

*Handwritten note:*  
NEWS FROM PUGVU. S. Fish,  
News has been received of the arrival of Capt. Charles H. Fish on Julia & Joseph  
in Germany. He is with the air force personnel there.

J. L. and Innebel Rogers were amongst those who attended the dedication of the  
Los Angeles temple.

Sadie Avery enjoyed her trip to Ariz. to attend Uncle Elias's funeral.

Milo Smith (son of Lawrence and Fern) has been chosen ward clerk of the ward  
of the BYU Campus Stake. We are proud of our kinsman's accomplishments.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Rinsman:

For the past two months I have been busy working at the Los Angeles Temple. As you know the temple was opened to the general public from Dec. 19 to Feb. 18. When help was called for during this period, I offered my services and worked every day.

It has been very inspirational to me and all of us see the thousands of people who took the tour and to hear and read the comments and testimonials. My job was receptionist and to answer the phones in the Bureau of Information. The phones were busy constantly from morning until night. I wish I could tell you some of the questions and comments of the people- Jews, Catholics, Protestants, colored people as well as latter day Saints, all wanting information. One woman said she had been through 20 times and wanted to go through once more before it closed. As a worker I saw and met many important people such as Pres. and Mrs. McKay, Apostles Evans, Stapley, Kimball, Petersen, Moyle, Lee, and many other church officials. I saw Cecil B. DeMille, Mark Taper, Red Skelton and other movie stars. Many of our kinfolks went through including Uncle Virgil and Aunt Ruth, Hanson, Peg and Virginia Johnson and family, Louis Bushman and family, J. Preston and family, Du and Skully Rogers, Bart and Broath Dalton and many others I missed seeing. Blonda Yount did her bit as ~~an~~ a Temple attendant on several occasions as did Pres. John Dalton.

For the benefit of those who could not go through I will give you a brief description of the tour. The guests were ushered into the Bureau of Information building in groups alternating first in the east wing and then the west wing. While the group in the east wing was being given a short introduction by the Chief guide and a recorded talk prepared by Pres. Richards and recorded by Brooks Temple, the east group was ushered into the west wing by the time this room was full the recording was over and the guests started through the temple. Then the next group moved through the east and west wings hearing the recordings and so on. The tour led down the stairs of the Bureau of Information through the healing ~~to~~ tunnel and into the Temple, it led by the baptismal fount through the main hall into the chapel located in the west wing back through the main foyer to the cafeteria located in the ~~west~~<sup>east</sup> wing back past the nursery and sewing room, through the mens and womens dressing rooms, a stairs to the ordinance rooms in order; the creation room with its twinkling stars in the ceiling and swirling colorful mural of the creation, the garden of eden room with signs of gorgeous murals depicting the serene and beautiful garden with water falls, lakes, birds, animals and lush foliage and beautiful flowers; the world room with murals depicting the cold realistic world with barren valley and desert scenes with mountains in the background, the Terrestrial room with no murals then into the heavenly Celestial room decorated in gold and ivory with delicate pastel murals which give just a hint of the ivory castles, past the bridal room garden scenes, etc. done in faint monotone colors. From there the tour led past the the bridal rooms and altar rooms and then upstairs to the priesthood room. This room is about 257 feet long by 70 feet wide and 34 feet high and seats 2000 people. In this room the dedication will be held. From there the tour led down ~~to~~ stairs and out the north or east doors of the temple.

President A. Marlin Stead is president of the Los Angeles Temple ground and Bureau of Information. He knew Aunt June and Uncle Hyrum well and speaks highly of them. First counselor is Pres. Ray A. Summers, 2nd is Guy Brooks who knows our family well.

One of the things which impressed me most was the apparent smoothness of the entire operation, considering the magnitude of the project, and with the long hours, and daily problems all the workers maintained a harmony which was beyond belief.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the Christmas season approaches, our hearts are drawn to Him for whom this great event is held in commemoration.

The greatest event in the world's history was the birth of Christ, the greatest character in the world was He. The greatest laws are those He gave, and the happiest and most blest people are those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Seasons Greetings to all, Aunt Leah.

We are happy to announce that at our last family group meeting, Carl N. Smith (the Colonel) was present and was nominated to be Chairman of Finance Committee.

Uncle Elias has been ill for quite some time, and is still in a critical condition at this writing.

Aunt Esther spent Thanksgiving in Blythe California with son Ardeth and family.

We are sorry we failed to get the news item in the Kinsman about the death of Patriarch John C. Smith of LaVern, California, last July. It was merely an oversight. He was a wonderful person, who always remembered the birthdays of everyone. He was an active patriarch, and although his health finally got such that he could not participate in other activities, yet he still gave blessings in his home, and many people were strengthened through coming to this home, feeling of the spirit there, and receiving his inspired blessings.

From Aunt Lorana:

From the Journal (J.N.S. of course) we read that 56 years ago on November 23, 1905, a heavy snow had fallen at Snowflake which was succeeded by a warm rain. The greatest flood ever known at this place came washing away our irrigation flume across the wash. Brother Thomas W. Tanner and family left their house and the water covered nearly all the fields and reached the northeast corner of Father Ramsay's lot. We afterward learned that all our dams were swept out and the Taylor Bridge was wrecked. The water was higher in Holbrook than ever before known.

From Ethel S. Randall:

Lois Smith Meldrum, Aunt Maria's daughter, stopped in Mesa on November 15 on her way to her home in New York. She spent two nights with her sister Ethel S. Randall. She had been visiting with her brothers and sisters in California.

William K. Randall, grandson of Ethel, left for the Scotch-Irish mission in November.

Born to Reuel and Dianne Randall a son, Sanford Shill Randall, October 3, 1961.

Born to David and Olga Randall a daughter Rebecca, October 18, 1961.

Paul C. Hill, Jr., oldest grandson of Ethel, left November 22 with the 197th Division of Arizona Airborne National Guard for Germany.

From Silas L. Fish:

George Murdock, grandson of S. L. Fish came home to eat Thanksgiving dinner with his parents and grandparents. He is exceedingly enthusiastic about the spirit and atmosphere at B.Y.U.

Jesse Allen Fish and wife, Cleah (son of Silas L.) made a fast trip from Las Vegas to visit relatives in Phoenix on Armistice Day.

Varena Fish Webb of Snowflake is convalescing from a broken knee cap suffered from a fall at school.

NOTE: Correction

In Sam's Letter, page 7, the following lines were omitted after the 17th line:

"What nonthense that is. No pay-pawent would allow hiths child to go to ga-gather worms. Iths a- iths fish of a feather - Fish of a fea-what nonthense."

REMINIANCE

FOR ALL DESCENDANTS OF JESSE NATHANIEL SMITH, SR.

DECEMBER 1st and 2nd - 1961

COME TO MESA FRIDAY - ATTEND THE TEMPLE ALL DAY  
FRIDAY AND UNTIL NOON ON SATURDAY

LET'S HAVE A GOOD SHOWING AT THE TEMPLE

SATURDAY - AT MESA ELEVENETH AND THIRTEENTH WARD

BUSINESS MEETING 1:00 P. M.

TALENT SHOW 2:00 P. M.

PLENTY OF PUNCH AND CAKE FOR EVERY ONE

/s/ Henry L. Smith, Chairman

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PLEASE NOTE:

Especially Publications Committee members please note: Here is the schedule of responsibility for the issues of volume sixteen of the Kinsman in the year 1962.

Aunt Emmy	January	June	November
Aunt Margaret		May	October
Aunt Janet		April	September
Aunt Augusta		March	August
Aunt Em		February	July
			December

wan Song:

From where I sit this schedule appears to have produced the most satisfactory program for the Kinsman that it has experienced during all of its arduous fifteen years. This satisfaction has been realized mostly on the production and assembly line. But fortunately, and while at the same time, nothing has been lost from the reading content. Those who are responsible for this success are the individual members of the Publications Committee and their helpers in their own family groups. As chairman of the Publications Committee, I am especially grateful to them. This feeble expression of gratitude to them is sincere and ample. I urge them please, to carry on. To the proud members of the Jesse Nathaniel Smith Family Association, I say, thanks for your loyal support, and "Don't give up the ship."

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